one or two Individuals, until the others,
gaining confidence and caught by enthusiasm,
rushed through in hundreds—even little children of four and five years old running up and down the trench over the burning coals exactly as if it had been a soft carpet. All were unhurt. Amongst those who ventured was a brother of one of our party. This gentleman, whose name I am prepared to give privately, walked through the trench twice very slowly, and described the sensation afterwards as having been like walking over hot sand.

A sceptic amongst us having propounded the theory that the feet of natives were covered by an integument so dense that it was proof even against live coals. Dr. Pascal carefully examined the feet of this witness immediately after his performance, and found the skin of the soles was of the normal thickness of European feet, and that they were untouched by the fire. I saw one man deliberately pause in the middle of the trench to pick up a handful of the flaming

embers,
which he then carried through to the side.
A linen turban which fell from some one's
head lay on the coals without igniting, as did

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